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July 28, 2010

To the Board of I-JOBS,

As the Library Director of the Volga Public Library, I am writing this letter in support of the application of this grant to help the Volga Community move the City Hall-Library out of the flood plain. The Volga Public Library shares its space with the Volga City Hall. It is a great working relationship for the community.

In May of 1999, our community was completely flooded from the Volga River when a rainfall of over 16 inches to the north of us came rushing down the Volga River Valley. Many homes were destroyed along with several businesses. All four churches in the community had basements filled with muddy water.

The basement of the Volga Public Library was also flooded. This was our children's section which of course was completely destroyed by the flood waters. We certainly did not want this to happen again, so we have moved the children's section into the main floor, which has made the library very crowded. The only thing we can use the basement for is storage of items that we are not concerned about losing. The basement now has an odor and at times becomes damp especially with all the rain we have been having.

Please consider Volga for this I-JOBS grant, so that we can move the Volga City Hall-Library out of the flood plain to the new location up on Butler Street which is definitely out of the flood plain.

Thank you for your consideration of accepting this project grant.

Sincerely,



Lorna Christeleit,
Volga Public Library Director

VOLGA CITY

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Kristin Klingman, City Clerk Vic Haynes, Maintenance Dennis O'Brien, Water & Sewer Superintendent Tom Duff, Floodplain Administrator

July 30, 2010

Dear IJobs Board,

This letter comes to you in regards to the City of Volga applying for funding through the IJobs II program to assist in constructing a Community Facilities Building for our community. Following the FEMA Buyout in 1999, the City of Volga understands the devastation that flooding can cause, as our community lost nearly 20% of its population to the flood and buyout that followed.

The City currently maintains a City Hall/Library building and a fire station within the floodplain. Until 2009, a civic center was also maintained by the City. This structure was sold to a private individual, and the city is currently without a civic center. All of these buildings had water in them during the highest point of the 1999 flood when our local levee was overtopped by the floodwaters.

In order to mitigate against future flooding damage to City services, the City has been working with Gardner Architecture and USDA to find a location outside of the floodplain to construct a building to house several services that are presently non-existent or within the floodplain in Volga. The Community Facilities Building will house a community room, training room (for emergency services and fire department), city hall office room, Water/Sewer Department file storage, library services, and emergency shelter. The emergency shelter has been a project in cooperation with the Clayton County Emergency Management Agency (CEMA). CCEMA has identified Volga as a location to be designated for an emergency shelter for residents in the southern part of the county during times following a major natural disaster. At the present time, a local church fellowship hall can provide the space needed. However, during the flood of 1999 it too was an island, making concerns for access to the emergency shelter if a flood should happen in the future. Additional concerns for having a safe location for residents to seek shelter arise due to the fact that although flood waters may not get into first floors of all homes, the potential for groundwater in basements does exist, and does not allow for safe shelter to residents. All of these services can be provided in the proposed new structure, located outside of the floodplain.

Thank you for considering our application for funding through the IJobs II Program.

Sincerely,



Bill W Crandall

Mayor

Volga City, Iowa

Volga City Fire Department

300 LaFayette St

Volga, Iowa 52077

July 28, 2010

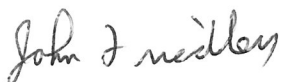
To Whom It May Concern,

This letter comes to you in response to the application by the City of Volga for IJobs funding to assist in construction of a Community Facilities Building to be located outside of the floodplain.

In the last ten (10) years we have had a major flood with complete dike failure on the Volga river dike (1999). In 2004 debris from upriver was deposited on the top of the river dike; and we again faced a near miss in 2008. Following these natural disasters and threats to the citizens and our community, we are in support of this project to make sure that several services provided by our City are not interrupted by future flooding events. In addition, the fire department will be able to make use of a training area for our volunteer department. At the present time, our station has minimal space available due to the equipment that needs to be stored in the station. We currently have to move our trucks and the First Responder vehicle to provide space needed for training.

Thank you for considering this application and providing this opportunity for our community to improve the locations of these services outside of the floodplain.

Respectfully submitted,



John Friedley, Fire Chief

Volga Fire Department

RESOLUTION #2010-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VOLGA, IOWA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN I-JOBS APPLICATION (FOR FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT A COMMUNITY FACILITIES BUILDING) TO THE IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY TO LEVERAGE FUNDS RELATIVE TO THE CITY OF VOLGA, IOWA

WHEREAS, the City of VOLGA, Iowa has experienced flood damage in the past; and

WHEREAS, following these events, the City continues to maintain and improve the dike system along the Volga River to provide protection to community services and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined the need to pursue construction of a Community Facilities Building to relocate several important community services (library, city hall, emergency shelter, emergency services training room, and community center) out of the floodplain; and

WHEREAS, the Total Estimated Cost for construction is \$340,000; further, the City will commit to funding, through combining grants and local funds, the money necessary to complete the construction of this project; and

WHEREAS, the IJOBS program requires applicants to provide evidence of Local Support for the proposed project, including the submission of an official resolution from the applicant authorizing the submission of the I-Jobs application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Volga, Iowa as follows:

1. The City Council supports and endorses this I-Jobs application; and
2. The City of Volga, Iowa will commit to the funding balance required; and
3. Authorizes appropriate public officials to submit this application on or before August 2, 2010.

Passed and approved this 30 day of July 2010

Bill W. Crandall
Mayor

Attest:

Kristin Klingman
City Clerk